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A PERSONAL NOTE: If anyone wants information in HA, please e-mail me the exact wording if you can. I can then paste it right in the newsletter. Of course I will accept information in regular mail from everyone else.

THIRD REVISED ULTIMATE HISTORY: Just a reminder that this book was originally written in 1992 and is the first and original book listing Network radio programming and the shows that are in circulation.

The Second Supplement to the third edition is off the press. Cost is \$5.00 plus \$1.00 P & H.

The 2005 “3rd Revised Ultimate History” is \$60 including P&H. which includes the First and Second Supplement. If you bought any of my earlier editions, the cost is \$50 including P&H. Please send new information when you can for the third supplement. I will need the information by October 1, 2008.

CONVENTION 2008: This is our 33rd convention. Dates are Oct 23 – 26, 2008 at the Holiday Inn, Newark, NJ. Our web site will keep you up to date. Note web site: <<http://www.fotr.net>>.

CONVENTION 2007: 2007 Convention booklets are available for \$2.50 including P&H. There are guests bios and pictures.

All of the sessions were video recorded by Satellite Media Production. You may order them as a complete set or by individual sessions. Please contact Fred Berney at Satellite Media Productions, P.O. Box 638, Walkersville, MD 21793-0638. Phone 800-747-0856. E-mail: fsberney@verizon.net.

Two years ago, Ellen and Fred Berney prepared 2 DVD's of the past 30 conventions. Cost is \$20 plus \$5.00 P&H. Send to Satellite Media Productions.

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED: A complete list of publications mentioned with addresses, contact people, etc. is one of the introductory pages in my current Ultimate History. It is also part of a small package mailed with your first Hello Again. If you don't have one, e-mail me for it and I will e-mail it to you. If you don't have e-mail, please send me a SASE for it; -**Illustrated Press**, Sep; articles about the McGuire Sisters; Sam Spade; -Oct; articles about Barton Yarborough; Sam Spade; Broadcast admission Tickets; -**Notre News**, autumn; articles about SPERDVAC, Walden Hughes, Frank Bresee and others; Les Paul; Fred Allen; Ethel and Albert; **Nostalgia Digest**, Autumn; articles about Danny Kaye; Inner Sanctum, the movies; Sam Spade; Kay Kyser; Mickey Freeman; -**RCA Newsletter**; Oct; interview with Mary-Leigh Smart, widow of J Scott Smart; -**RLI On the Air**, Fall; article about The Comedy Kingdom and the Blue Monday Jamboree

BOOKS: (Most books can also be purchased at <www.lofcom.com/nostalgia/books/>, <Amazon.com> or <Barnesandnoble.com>). **Greenwood Publishing Group** (Box 5007, Westport, CT 06881) has published many bio-bibliographies in the performing arts. James Robert Parish is the series editor. Over 80 have been published. For a list or to order call 1-800-225-5800 or 1-203-226-3571; -Many books are from **McFarland**; 1-800-253-2187; Web (www.mcfarlandpub.com) and **Bear Manor Media**, Box 71426, Albany, GA 31708 <Bearmanormedia.com> **Book Hunter Press**, Box 193, Yorktown Hts., NY 10598 (www.bookhunterpress.com/radio); -**Martin Grams (OTR Publishing)**, Box 252, Churchville, MD. 21028; (717) 456-6208 <www.martingrams.com>; -**Scarecrow Press**; <scarecrowpress.com> 1-800-462-6420.

From Univ. Press of Kentucky, 1-800-839-6855; e-mail: kypressorders@lsv.uky.edu; WEB site: www.kentuckypress.com; **Lum and Abner, Rural America and the Golden Age of Radio** by

Randal Hall; 2007; hardcover; \$40; 250 pages; In Lum and Abner, Mr. Hall explains the history and importance of the program, its creators and its national audience. He also presents a treasure trove of 29 previously unavailable scripts that reveal much about the Great Depression, rural life, hillbilly stereotypes and a seminal period of American Radio.-from **McFarland "The WBT Briarhoppers: Eight Decades of a Bluegrass Band Made for Radio"** by Tom and Lucy Warlick; 2007; 215 pages; soft cover. Compiled from firsthand interviews, this work tells the story of the WBT Briarhoppers, analyzing the band's history and its connection to country and bluegrass music;-**Scarecrow Press** has published a new book "Butterfly McQueen" by Stephen Bourne. It not only gives a detailed biography but indicates all her credits in all media including radio. It is soft cover and lists for \$27.95 plus postage.

ORGANIZATIONS:

"The Old Time Radio Researchers Group" is scanning and archiving back issues of old time radio magazines from past years, and would like to add to the collection. Some of the publications we have on our web site include - Airwaves(the complete run), Collectors Corner(missing 1 issue), Hello Again(117 issues archived), Nostalgia Newsletter(82 issues), OTR Digest(103 issues), and many many more from 1970 to date. We've recently begun adding radio publications from the 30s, 40s, and 50s as well. These are beautifully restored full color copies.

Everything is downloadable for free.

We would like to add to the collection and ask readers of Hello Again to consider contributing any issues they may have of any of the old publications. We will accept scans, donations, or if a contributor sends in magazines that they want returned, we will scan, return, and reimburse postage and handling. Contributors will have their names listed as Library Patrons.

You can check out what is currently available by going to www.otrr.org/pg06b/magazines.

If you want more information, e-mail Jim Beshires at beshiresjim@yahoo.com."

CONVENTIONS:

33rd Friends of Old-time Radio Convention, Oct 23 – 26, 2008 at the Holiday Inn, Newark, NJ; For information contact Jay Hickerson, 27436 Desert Rose Ct, Leesburg, FL 34748 (352) 727-6731 <JayHick@aol.com> or check our web site: <http://www.fotr.net>)

THE INTERNET: Many of my subscribers are on the Internet. If you want to get on the mailing list for the Old Time Radio Digest (Round table) on the Internet, e-mail to this address: <old.time.radio-request@oldradio.net>...

WEB SITES: Various OTR Web sites will be posted. Most begin with <www.> Let me know what yours is: **Lou Genco** (many collectors have their sites here including Vintage Broadcasts; Ted Davenport; Ed Carr; Fred Berney; Pat McCoy) <old-time.com> **Jim Widner** <otr.com> (**Radio Days**);-**Chuck Schaden** <nostalgia Digest.com> **BRC (Bob Burnham)** <brcradio.com/> **Ted Kneebone** <geocities.com/tkneebone1> **Jerry Haendiges** <otrsite.com/radiolog/index.html> **Australian Film and Sound** <Screensound.gov.au> **Owens Pomeroy (Golden Radio Buffs)** (not www) <members.aol.com/grbmd> **OTR Digest** <www.lofcom.com/nostalgia/books/> **Jack Benny Fan Club** <Jackbenny.org> **Radio Broadcast Chronicles** <gna.net/tia> **Tom Heathwood** <HeritageRadio.com>. **First Generation Archives** <radioarchives.org> (Free subscription) <<http://www.radioarchives.org/newsletter.asp>> **Radio Enthusiasts of Puget Sound** <repsonline.org> **Terry Salomonson** <audio-classic.com> <digitalotr.com> The **OTR Club** now has a web page at <<http://www2.pcom.net/robmcdo/otrbuffalo/>> **Doug Kosmonek** <<http://members.shaw.ca/dougkosmonek>> new e-mail is <dougkosmonek@shaw.ca> **Radio Spirits** <radiospirits.com> **The MWOTRC** web site is now operational and can be accessed either by www.mwotrc.com or www.readiorecall.com **Radio Memories (NEW)** www.radiomemories.com...**Ivan G. Shreve, Jr. (Thrilling Days of Yesteryear)** <<http://blogs.salon.com/0003139/>> **Bear Manor Media**, a publishing company (run by Ben Ohmart. Send for their catalog...They have published many OTR books in the last few years. <<http://www.bearmanormedia.com>> **RHAC** web site is <www.rhac.org> **Radio Days** is celebrating its 10th year on the web at <<http://www.otr.com>> **Ron Sayles (births, deaths)** <<http://mywebpage.netscape.com/bogusotr/instant/taz.html>>. (also) <http://otrbirths.blogspot.com/>

CATALOGS AND NEW SHOWS (All addresses first): **McCoy's Recording** (Pat McCoy), Box 1069, Richland, WA 99352 (509) 627-4039 **Jerry Haendiges**, 13808 Sunset Dr., Whittier, CA 90602 <JHaendiges@aol.com> **Radio Memories (Ted Davenport)**, Box 94548, North Little Rock, AR 72190 (888) 357-2346 <tedotr@sbcglobal.net> **Vintage Broadcasts** (Andy Blatt), Box 3257, Milford, CT 06460 (203-783-1923); also 1-866-783-1923; <andy@vintagebroadcasts.com>; **Great American Radio (GAR)** (Gary Kramer), Box 401, Clio, MI 48420 <ga@radio.fm>; **Bequaert Old Books**, Box 775, Fitzwilliam, NH 03447 (603) 585-3448 <www.beqbooks.com>; send 2 34-cents stamps for a catalog of books and magazines on OTR **AVPRO** (Don Aston), Box 1392, Lake Elsinore, CA 92531 (1-888-3328776) **Redmond Nostalgia Co.** (David Kiner), Box 82, Redmond, WA 98073 **SPERDVAC Library** (Box 7177, Van Nuys, CA 91409) **John Barber**, Box 72273., New Orleans, LA 70112 (504) 586-1931 <jbarber@gno.lib.la.us>. **Vintage Audio** (Tom Martin), 461 Maple Ave., Saratoga Springs, NY 12866 (518) 584-1112 <Thomasmartin245@aol.com> **Satellite Video Production (Fred Berney)** Box 638, Walkersville, MD 21793 (1-800-747-0856) <Berney@fred.net> **BRC Productions** (Bob Burnham), Box 158, Dearborn, MI 48127 <bob@brcbroadcast.com> <www.brcradio.com> **Hello Again Radio** (Bob Burchett), 10280 Gunpowder Rd., Florence, KY 41042 **Audio Classics Archive (Terry Salomonson)**, Box 347, Howell, MI 48844; 1-877-653-8963 (for orders only) <audio-classic.com> **Lodestone** (Richard Fish), 611 Empire Mill Rd., Bloomington, IN 47401; 1-800-411-6463 <lodestone-media.com> (Deals in New Audio Theater **Ed Carr**, 216 Shaner St., Boyertown, PA 19512 <edcarr@enter.net> **Dan Riedstra**, 2830 North Rockwell St., Chicago, IL 60618 <daniel.riedstra@wcom.com>. **Max Schmid**, Box 3449, Astoria, NY 11103 <mmschmid@rcn.com> <www.oldtimeradio.com> **Henry Hinkel**, 254 Florida Avenue, Amsterdam, NY 12010 <www.crabapplesound.com> **Danean MacAndrew**, P. O. Box 793, Lake Forest, CA, 92609 <www.theradiolady.com> **Heritage Radio Classics**; Tom Heathwood, Box 16, Boston, MA 02467 <www.heritageaudio.com> Listen to the Heritage Radio Theatre every Sunday for one week streaming audio: <www.vintageRadioPlace.com/broadcast>

All listings below list sampling of shows.

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IN FOND MEMORY: **Alice Ghostley**, Sep 21, 81; Actress (Theater 5);-**Rose Bampton**, Aug 21, 99; singer (Palmolive Beauty Box Theater; Songs You Love to Hear);-**Michael Evans**, Sep 4, 87; actor (Theater Guild of the Air);-**Carol Bruce**, Oct 9, 87; singer, actress (Al Jolson);-**Deborah Kerr**, Oct 16, 86; actress (Lux; Big Show);-**Joey Bishop**, Oct 17, 89; comedian (Monitor);-**Teresa Brewer**, Oct 17, 65; singer (Bing Crosby);-**Porter Wagoner**, Oct 28, 80; singer (Grand Ole Opry);-**Robert Goulet**, Oct 30, 73; singer, actor (Several Guard Sessions);-**Jim Hawthorne**, Nov 6, 89; LA radio host.;-**Laraine Day**, Nov 10, 87; actress (many anthology shows);-**Bert Farber**, Aug 27, 2005; 92; composer, bandleader (Arthur Godfrey);-**Smilin Jack Smith**, Jul 3, 2006; 92; Singer; own show on radio for many years;-**Dick Wilson**, Nov 19, 91; actor (Family Theater)

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CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

2007

The Friends of Old-time Radio held its 32nd Annual Convention from October 18 – 21 at the Holiday Inn, Newark, New Jersey. New Celebrities present were: **Lucie Arnaz; Molly Bee; W Watts (Buck) Biggers; Eddie Carroll; Gloria McMillan; Marilyn Michaels; Mitch Murray; Simon (Stuffy) Singer; Bill Dana; David Whitehouse**. Other celebrities present were **Arthur Anderson, Frank Bresee, Don Buka, Peter Fernandez, Cliff Carpenter, Jeff David, Joe Franklin, Barbara Fuller, Michael Gwynne, Bob Hastings, Pat Hosley, Will Hutchins, Elaine Hyman, Teri Keane, Ruth Last, George Lefferts, Peg Lynch, Chuck McCann, Shirley Mitchell, Corinne Orr, Bill Owen, Bobby Ramsen, Rosemary Rice, Jean Rouverol, Kevin Scullin, Leslie Shreve, Gil Stratton, Jr., Nan Warren, Craig Wichman**. The guests socialized with fans, participated in panels and workshops and re-created 12 radio shows.

The convention began Wednesday Evening with complementary Wine and Cheese and informal visiting. Thursday Morning the dealers opened at 9 am. There were six afternoon panels: **Radio Idol with R Larson, D Zwengler and guests; One on one with Chuck McCann and then Bill Dana; Authors Panel; Funny Ladies of OTR with Molly Bee, Shirley Mitchell and Gloria McMillan; Radio Nostalgia with Frank Bresee**. We then had cocktails and dinner. 50 fans attended during the day. 156 fans and guests attended in the evening. **Those Were the Days Players presented The Magnificent Montague; Peter Fernandez directed Suspense "The Impostors" which he wrote; Arthur Anderson dir. an original script "Wo Killed the Silver Syclone."**

Friday began at 9:00 with the opening of the dealers room. 52 dealers' tables were active during the convention. 220 people attended dinner with another 69 in the afternoon. Workshops and panels included the following: **Movies depicting Radio (F Berney); Writing and publishing OTR books with the Siegels; Sportscasters (K Stockinger); FDR in Wartime and Radio (G Yoggy); Children in radio and television with guests; Buck Biggers; Nan Warren; Corinne Orr; Gil Stratton; Stuffy Singer; Bob Hastings; then Vic and Sade with David Whitehouse; Funny Friday Comedy Panel with Mitch Murray; Chuck McCann; Michael Gwynne; Lucie Arnaz; Gil Stratton; Bill Dana; Marilyn Michaels; The Dave Warren Players then presented "My Friend Irma."**

On Friday evening we had 3 programs: **Gregg Oppenheimer Directs Harry Lime** "Too Many Crooks;" Cast includes: J David, D Buka, L Arnaz, M Gwynne, C Orr, G McMillan, Ron Cocking; **Jay Stern** directs 2000+ episode of The Brooklyn Brain; Cast includes Bill Owen, A Anderson, E Hyman, R Last, Cliff Carpenter, Craig Wichman, Bobby Ramsen; **Frank Bresee** directs "A Date with Judy" Cast includes T Keane, G McMillan, B Fuller, G Stratton, S Singer

Saturday the panels and workshops included the following: **Radio Bloopers and Out takes** (G Oppenheimer); Commercials and Jingles with A Anderson and J Hickerson; X-1 Panel with George Lefferts; **Gotham Radio Players** presents a lost episode of "Light's Out" called "Reunion"; cast includes Paul Becton, Fran Taeromina, Bill Zarro, Melissa Kalt, Jim Mundy, Ted Ferber, Fred Urfer, James Jockle, Lucien Dodge, Ron Weitz, Paul Curtis, Ann Marie Hendrickson; J French presents Copy Cats; Joe Franklin Hosts; M Michaels, M Bee, M Murray, Buck Biggers; Singers and Big Bands with Mitch Murray and Molly Bee (B Gari and S Weiss); Re-creation of X-1 "Junkyard" adapted by G Lefferts and Starring Bob Hastings, D Buka, J David, others

Saturday's events culminated with cocktails and buffet dinner for 256 people with another 111 coming for the day. After dinner there were 3 re-creations; **Screen Directors Playhouse "Stagecoach"**; (dir. by G Yoggy); Cast includes C McCann, J Rouverol, R Rice, W Hutchins, B Hastings, J David, M Gwynne, C Carpenter, C Wichman, B Owen; Peg Lynch and Arthur Anderson (Ethel and Albert); **Anthony Tollin** directs **Jack Benny with Eddie Carroll and all star cast**; (Cast includes C McCann, S Mitchell, Bill Dana, W Hutchins, S Singer, Bobby Ramsen, Will Jordan, Joe Franklin, Paul Becton **David Shinn and Butch D'Ambrosio** supplied the sound effects. **Ed Clute** supplied the Music; **Bill Siudmak** was again our very capable engineer.

The Allen Rockford Award was presented to **Randy Larson** for his outstanding efforts in keeping radio and this convention alive. The Ray Stanich Award was given to **Susan and Dave Siegel** for all the excellent writing and publishing they have done. A special **Florence Williams** award was given to **Corinne Orr**. She has attended our convention for several years and has always been willing to help. Donations will be given to various organizations throughout the year.

Sunday morning found about 114 people having breakfast and listening to an entertaining and sometimes very hilarious panel consisting among others of **Peg Lynch, Eddie Carroll, Jeff David, Michael Gwynne, Chuck McCann, Shirley Mitchell**. It was hosted by **Charlie Summers**.

I again want to thank all the guests who were very gracious in giving of their time to be with us.

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Supplement #2

The 3rd Revised Ultimate History of Network Radio Programming and Guide to All Circulating Shows

Written by Jay Hickerson
October, 2007

Lists many changes and additions to network programming.

Lists many new dated shows in circulation with the source of every show.

Lists more theme songs

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Cost of entire 540-page book with both Supplements: \$56
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LOGS AND LISTINGS FOR COLLECTORS OF OLD-TIME RADIO PROGRAMS

HELLO AGAIN: Now in its 38th year, Hello Again is the oldest independent newsletter dedicated to the traders and collectors of old-time radio shows. Much of the information it contains is contributed by collectors including: problems and techniques in dubbing, tape quality, what different collectors are doing and what they are looking for, updated info about new radio shows being circulated and logs related to old-time radio, deaths of radio personalities and much more. It also keeps you up to date on the annual Friends of Old-time Radio Convention. The next convention is Oct.23 – 26, 2008 at the Holiday Inn, Newark, NJ.

The first issue received includes listings of all OTR clubs, publications, many dealers and all logs available. It runs about 4 to 6 pages an issue.

Subscription is \$15.00 a year for 6 issues per year. Send a SASE for a complimentary copy. Back issues are \$2.50. Full page ads are accepted.

SUSPENSE LOG: This 50-page log lists every show chronologically and alphabetically. Each entry lists date, title and up to 2 performers when known. It also includes an introductory part listing directors, producers, musicians, sponsors and other important information. This log was revised in **October of 1996**. Cost is **\$9.00** including P&H.

CBS RADIO MYSTERY THEATER: This 100-page log lists every show chronologically and alphabetically. Each entry lists date, title and up to 3 performers when known. Written in 1996, this log costs **\$15 plus \$2** for P&H.

MORE LOGS AND LISTS: (All are complete unless indicated)

All circulating shows indicated on Benny, Lux, Fred Allen, ILAM, Mercury Theater, Theater Guild on the Air, CBS Radio Mystery Theater, Gunsmoke and Columbia Workshop logs

Jack Benny (Updated in October, 1996)	\$10.00		
Gunsmoke (Revised January, 1998)	\$8.00		
Lux Radio Theater (May, 1996) Revised.	Each show lists 3 performers.		
Chronological and alphabetical logs	\$8.00		
Theater Guild on the Air (1992)	\$6.00		
Necrology of close to 3700 radio personalities; includes date of death and age at death. All those in radio full time or only occasionally are included including many movie stars and musicians. 1996 edition			
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			\$6.50
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